

Welcome to  
**WEST CLERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**Worship 9:30am**  
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# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## INTRODUCTION

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Made New* by Lincoln Brewster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvJDjPI4V5c>

## GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WCLC MISSION STATEMENT:** *As children of God, called to love God and one another, we proclaim the Word of God through study, prayer, worship, and discipleship. We serve those in need within our congregation, our community, and our world as an expression of God's love for us. LOVE, PROCLAIM, SERVE!*

**GATHERING MUSIC:** *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* by Orchard Enterprises

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygkkX9FxFHg0>

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**C: ...like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Heart of the Father* by Ryan Ellis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34GcRkWIY3s>

\*“This song was written in a season where I was really discovering the grace of God and His kindness, patience, and mercy,” Ryan Ellis shares about “Heart of the Father.” He continues, “I was a worship pastor living in a city called Isla Vista, California.

The goal behind our ministry was to show the people in the party city that it doesn’t matter where you are or what stage of life you’re in — there’s always going to be the grace and love of God waiting for you. He always accepts us exactly where we’re at, and walks alongside us. I feel like this song shows what it is to be a believer and how we’re called to walk and love people. I hope this song blesses you.”

**Lyrics:**

*I've never known a love like Yours  
So intimate so powerful  
And I've tasted I've seen  
And nothing comes close  
I've never known a love like Yours*

*Jesus Your name is power  
It's breath and living water  
And Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father  
Let Your praise ring louder  
Every day and every hour  
Cause Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father*

*I've never felt at home like this  
Just like a child so innocent  
And I'm safe inside Your arms  
Cause you won't let go  
I've never known a love like Yours*

*Jesus Your name is power  
It's breath and living water  
And Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father  
Let Your praise ring louder  
Every day and every hour  
Cause Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father*

*We sing praise  
God we sing praise  
God we sing praise  
We sing praise  
We sing praise  
We sing praise  
We sing praise  
We sing praise*

*Jesus Your name is power  
It's breath and living water*

*And Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father  
Let Your praise ring louder  
Every day and every hour  
Cause Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father*

*Jesus Your name is power  
It's breath and living water  
And Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father  
Let Your praise ring louder  
Every day and every hour  
Cause Your spirit guides me  
To the heart of the Father*

*Sing praise  
God we sing praise*

Ryan Ellis, Mitch Wong, Mac Montgomery  
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#RyanEllis #HeartoftheFather #Christian #worship #praise #Christianmusic #Father #God #Jesus #faith #Christiansong #church #singpraise #California #worshipmusic

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**R:** *The Word of the Lord.*

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm: 54 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might,  
defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless  
have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who  
sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your  
faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name,  
O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## **Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your

pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

L: Alleluia.

**C: Alleluia.**

L: God has called us through the proclamation of the good news, that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia. (*2 Thess. 2:14*)

**C: Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*\*YOUTH & TEACHERS RELEASED**

**FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL\*\***

**SERMON**

**Lay Minister Mike Erickson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *All Are Welcome* The Beyond Walls  
Choir **ELW 641**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrzP67jRts>

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

**<sup>4</sup>the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**L:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**L:** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



**SENDING MUSIC:** *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* ELW 742  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivFVHRLZ8F8>

**DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Prayer List**

**Requested:** Carlos Delgado, Jeanette (Davisson) Cain, Daniel Guyer, Beth Zimmer, Heidi Henriksen, Betty Erickson, Jerry Erickson, Bob Kress, Devin Schrad, Richard Schrad, Don Erickson, Ken Erickson, Violet Guyer, Dale Ellis, JoAnn Bishop.

**Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Shut-Ins:** Clarice Gass, Albert Schave, Millard Nelson, Betty Erickson, Gail Herman, John Yauslin.

**In the Military:** Jeff Kleppe, Nathan Guyer, Major Stephanie Wilkins, Kennedy White.



Please keep the family and friends of Carol Murray, sister to June Swenson, in your thoughts and prayers. Carol passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup>.



*May God's blessing be upon **Emery Ann Hart**, daughter of Paul & Erin Hart who was baptized yesterday. Sponsors for Emery are Courtney Severson, Colin Severson and Lindsey Severson.*

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Loose: \$45.00

Regular: \$420.00


**Total General Fund: \$474.79**


Building Fund: \$90.00 (roof)

**Attendance: 31**

Noisy Can: \$9.79

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Noisy Can Offering** for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will go to LSI – Spiritual Life Program.

 **Senior Exercise/Chair Yoga** is held on Monday & Thursday mornings beginning @ 9:30am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in the basement. All are welcome. No charge.



**Women's Circles** will begin in September. If you need to renew or resubscribe to the Gather Magazine you can go to <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> and push on the “subscribe” button or call **(844) 409-0576**. A year subscription is only \$19.95 for 10 issues.

COVID-19  
Updates

As many are aware, Covid-19 is taking us down a familiar path of positivity rate reports as numbers start to increase once again. Please know that Lay Minister Mike is checking these reports weekly as they are made available and is using the guidelines that council approved last winter.



We are transmitting on a ***new radio frequency!*** Please tune into **87.9FM** on Sundays at 9:30am to listen to worship if you cannot make here in person.

OFFICE  
HOURS

Mike Erickson has **office hours** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **9:30am-noon**. To schedule an appointment you may contact the office. Drop ins welcome. You may also contact Mike @ 423-5122 (home) or 563-422-1687 (cell) at any time.

boundless  
LIVING WATER

**Shechem Luther League Meeting** is scheduled for **TONIGHT @ 6pm** here at West Clermont. Registration forms are due at this time for those attending the Youth Gathering. We will set the schedule for bible study and fall activities so bring your calendar.



**Stavanger Lutheran Drive Thru Dinner is TODAY** from 11am-1pm @ *Kenneth & Karen Ney's*; 1377 W-47 Ossian (1/2 south of Ossian on W-42). Serving: Hot beef sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and assorted bars. Free Will Offering.



**St. Peter's Lutheran in Eldorado- Drive Thru Anniversary Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-1pm. Serving: pulled pork sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and brownie. Freewill donation will support the church painting project. 28873 State Street, Eldorado.



**Fall-Der-All 2021** at Froelich, Iowa is September 25 & 26. Join us Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm for ***Breakfast in the Barn***. Serving: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce and beverage.



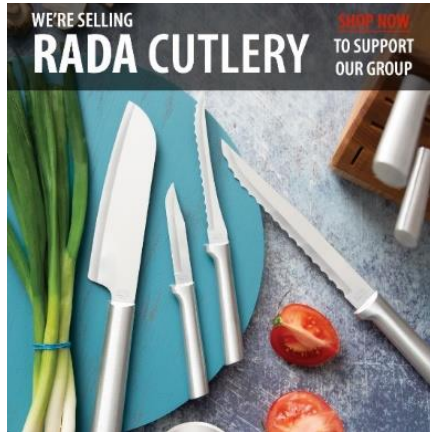
**ATTENTION those who sew, knit or crochet!** *Open Hands Food Pantry* would once again like to provide Christmas stockings for their customers. Please consider making Christmas stockings for the pantry to fill and give away. The suggested pattern is in the church office; otherwise it says no more than 5 inches wide and 12 inches tall. Please bring completed stockings to the church office. A representative will take them to the pantry.



**Open Hands Food Pantry** is looking for representatives from each district congregation to serve as a board member and be a liaison for their church. Board usually meets once a month via Zoom. If interested, please contact Deb in the office.



**Quilting** is every Tuesday @ 9am. No experience needed. Come join the fun!



<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=6053319.d0dda1>



**Luther League** youth are selling RADA products thru October 10th. This is a great product line and would make excellent Christmas gifts. Catalogs are also available in the church office where you can place an order. If you would like to order online, please use the link below the ad or ask one of the youth for their personal link so they get credit for the sale. Items ordered online will include shipping and handling charges, but will be sent directly to you. Online is also the only place you can order black handled items and gift sets. For more information, please contact Deb Jacobsen in the church office, 423-7170.



**NEIA Synod Bishop Installation.** The installation of Rev. Kevin Jones as the NEIA Synod Bishop will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Mason City. West Clermont will connect to the installation worship via Zoom. All are welcome to join the watch party in the Fellowship area at church on that day. Lay Minister Mike will offer communion at this service.